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OCTOBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

New York dairy herds produced 998 million pounds of milk during October according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field office. Milk cows declined while production per cow was up 5 pounds from the previous year resulting in a 1.5 percent decrease in milk production compared to October 2008. The number of milk cows averaged 614,000 head, down 11,000 head from October of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,625 pounds, up slightly from the October 2008 rate.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$13.80 per hundredweight of milk sold during October, up \$1.00 from September but \$4.00 less than October a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during October totaled 14.3 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from October 2008. September revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from September 2008. The September revision represented an increase of 16 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,721 pounds for October, 21 pounds above October 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 196,000 head less than October 2008, and 22,000 head less than September 2009.

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